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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the sleeve of claim 6, line 4 (see page 8, line 17 of the specification which indicates that the sleeve is not shown) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claims 3-10 are objected to because of the following informalities: In the last line of claim 3, "a" should be replaced with --the--. It is not clear which claim the claim 4 is

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intended to depend from. Claim 4, line 6 refers to "the arm", but the arm is claimed in claim 2, and not claim 1, from which claim 4 currently depends. See also "the restricting section" in claim 4, lines 6-7. Similarly, it is not clear which claim the claim 5 is intended to depend from. In claim 5, line 6, "the opening" should be replaced with --an opening--. In claim 4, line 6, "the opening" should be replaced with --an opening--. In claim 6, line 3, the third occurrence of "the" should be replaced with --an--. It is also noted that claim 6 is directed to the figure 7 embodiment, and cannot depend from the last two lines of claim 1. Similarly, claim 7 refers to "a male fastener" and "a female fastener" in line 3, which male and female fastener structure is already claimed in claim 1, and claim 7 cannot depend from the last two lines of claim 1. Claims 8 and 9 are directed to the figure 8 embodiment, and cannot properly depend from claim 1. Claim 10 cannot depend from the "reactor" claimed in claim 1. Applicant is required to closely review all of the claims, to ensure that they can depend from previous claims, in view of the fact that the claims are drawn to different embodiments. Appropriate correction is required.

It is also noted that upon amending the claims to overcome the above objections, further prior art rejections may follow in the future.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 (and claims 4 and 6-10 as understood), are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stosech.

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Stosech teaches a locking apparatus and fastener including a 2, a female fastener receiving the male fastener 46, 47, a cavity in the housing 2 for receiving a locking unit 28, a cavity 16 in which a controlling unit 15 is disposed, the locking unit including a numeral wheel 40, 28, the controlling unit including a rotary section 7, a reactor on the rotary section 7 defined by the edge which is engaged with the key, and a driven unit defined by the slot 6 and inner tooth which releases the stump 5, to allow the male fastener to be released.

Claims 2, 3 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant should also note that any prior art discussed on page 1 of the specification which applicant wants considered must be filed on an Information Disclosure Statement.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

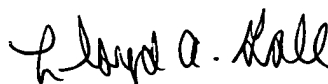
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 703-308-0828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on 703-308-2151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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